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RE: ELENA TEJEDA
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S VISIT TO THE MEXICAN CONSUL IN 1963

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I interviewed MISS TEJEDA at 8:00 P.M. in the Villa Conchita, 7808 Mapel Street (861-7071). Also present at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. ANTONIO del VAL, Mr. and Mrs. BRYAN WAGNER, and Miss JODY DUEK. Miss DUEK took notes from which this report is written.

Miss TEJEDA has worked for the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans for the last nineteen (19) years. In 1963 the Consulate was located in the Whitney Building on St. Charles Avenue.

Miss TEJEDA was working the day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD came in to apply for a tourist card for travel in Mexico. Miss TEJEDA says there was something about OSWALD that made her remember him. Miss TEJEDA said that OSWALD was alone when he came into the office and she does not remember OSWALD saying anything about taking a gun into Mexico or asking about the weather in Mexico.

Miss TAJEDA said that OSWALD might have been in the Consulate more than one time. According to Miss TEJEDA no one else was in the office when OSWALD came. Miss TEJEDA says she remembered OSWALD'S face as soon as she saw it on television on the 22nd of November 1963.

When the FBI visited the Consulate, they went through the files and found OSWALD's application. Miss TEJEDA is reasonably certain that the FBI agents did not photograph OSWALD'S application and she is certain that the document was not taken from the Consulate. The application was burned in 1965 when the Mexican Consulate moved to new offices in the International Trade Mart.

The name of the woman who actually waited on OSWALD was Miss GUADALUPE ORTEGA. Her address is:

Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores
Direccion General del Servicio Consular
Mexico D.F.,
Mexico

Miss TEJEDA was very cooperative and said she was sorry she could not help.

NOTE: Since Miss Tejeda seems sure that Oswald was alone when he came into the Consulate, and there were no other people waiting. The date of OSWALD's visit to the Consulate may not be the September 18, 1963 date indicated in the statements of Mrs. FENELLA FARRINGTON. Mrs. FARRINGTON's "OSWALD" was accompanied by a woman and Miss TEJEDA's "OSWALD" was alone. Miss TEJEDA said the Consulate was empty when "OSWALD" came in so that would eliminate Mrs. FARRINGTON and her cousin Mrs. MERILH.

Also interesting is Commission Exhibit CE 2481 which is supposedly a photocopy of OSWALD's application for a tourist card filled out on September 17, 1963. Again, a conflict exists since Miss TEJEDA was very certain when I talked with her that the FBI had not photographed the application and had not taken it from the Consulate office.

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